Town of Rowe – FY2006
Board of Health
Minutes – April 26, 2006

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM

Present: Dick Alix, Angela Foshay, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Audience: Jodi Brown, Myra Carlow, Robin Reed, Kris Swenson

OLD BUSINESS
The minutes of the April 12, 2006 meeting were approved and signed as submitted.

Septic System Installer's Permit: The BOH voted unanimously to issue a 2006 Septic System Installer's Permit to Danek Excavating.

Girard, 23 Pelham Drive (Map 2 Lot 40): A Title 5 inspection was conducted at the Girard property on April 12, 2006. At the time of the inspection, Board members Dick Alix and Danette Reynolds were told by inspector Mike Bostley (Bostley Sanitary Service) that the system passed the inspection. A copy of the inspection report was received on April 26, 2006 and reported that the system did not pass Title 5 inspection but needs further evaluation by the Local Approving Authority. Danette Reynolds will contact Mike Bostley to discuss the inspection results.

During the inspection it was noted that the leaching area for the system appears to be a 20 foot long trench with stone. The BOH was concerned that this would not be sufficient for the three bedroom home it services. A certified letter was sent to property owner David Girard on April 24, 2006 requesting documentation that the existing system was legally installed and inspected by the Board of Health (i.e. signed Application for Disposal System Construction Permit, signed Certificate of Compliance). If such documentation was not available, Mr. Girard was requested to retain an engineer who would schedule a percolation test and soil evaluation to determine if the existing subsurface leach area is adequate to handle three bedrooms.

Greg Girard, brother of the property owner, contacted Danette Reynolds on April 24, 2006 to discuss the property. He told Danette that he had installed the system in 1985 and that the leach area had 170 feet of pipe. Danette told him that there are no records in the BOH file for the property and that the Title 5 inspection revealed that the leach area appears to be a 20 foot trench with pipe.

Berkshire Fence Company: Dick Alix informed the Board that Berkshire Fence Company may start installing the entrance gate at the Transfer Station April 27 or 28, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

Title 5 Inspections: The following Title 5 inspection is scheduled:

Date	*Time*	*Location*
May 4, 2006	9:00 AM	Posever, 322 Zoar Road (Map 1 Lot 49)

Final Inspection of On-Site Subsurface Treatment & Disposal Systems: The following system was inspected and received a Certificate of Compliance:

Date	*Location*	*Inspected by*
April 19, 2006	Magnago, 169 Ford Hill Rd (Map 1 Lot 60)	D. Alix, D. Reynolds

Permits: The following Pumper/Hauler Permit was approved for and payment was received from:
Bostley Sanitary Service, Colrain, MA

Water Testing Results: The following water test results were received from Berkshire Enviro-Lab, Inc.:

Location	*Date*	*Result*
Rowe Camp & Conference Center		
Farmhouse Kitchen	03-01-06	All results within normal range
Rec Hall Kitchen	03-01-06	All results within normal range
Avery Fountain	10-05-05	All results within normal range
	11-02-05	All results within normal range
	12-07-05	All results within normal range

Backflow Protection Device Inspection: The following inspection was done by Berkshire Enviro-Lab, Inc:

Location	*Date*	*Result*
Rowe Community Church	04-05-06	Passed

Transfer Station: Dick Alix reported that on April 24, 2006 the compactor at the transfer station was not operable. An electrician was called and found the problem to be at the power company's electric pole. The problem was corrected by the power company.

Yankee Atomic Energy Company:
The Board received a copy of a Tier 1B Permit Extension Application for Yankee Atomic Energy Company from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

The Board also received notice from Yankee Atomic that A-1 Enterprises, Bernardston, MA will be installing porta-potties at the decommissioning site on Yankee Road. Presently A-1 Enterprises does not have a Pumper/Hauler permit in Rowe. Dick Alix will contact Ken Dowd at Yankee Atomic and inform him that A-1 Enterprises will have to obtain a permit in Rowe before they can install the units.

Town Nurse Practitioner: Jodi Brown recommended that the BOH post the dates of Town Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis' vacation more prominently. Myra Carlow asked the BOH if it had a policy on vacation notification by the Town Nurse Practitioner. The Board said that they did not.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar